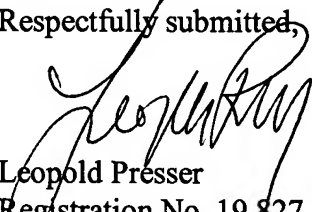


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the foregoing claims, prior to examination of this application on the merits in that the present newly presented claims, Claims 32-45, are deemed to more specifically define the inventive aspects of the present hand instrument.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the newly presented claims are deemed to clearly define the invention over any prior art, including applicants' parent applications, which have already issued into U.S. Patent Nos. 6,416,321 and 6,719,561, of which the present application is a divisional, the early and favorable consideration of the application on the basis of the newly presented claims is earnestly solicited.

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